



## IC PROJECT REPORTING TEMPLATE AS PART OF THE STRATEGY AND PROCESS ON HOW THE IC REVIEWS AND ANALYSES ICD PROJECTS

**Project Title: Multiple projects supporting SPS in Afghanistan, North Macedonia, Nepal, Papua New Guinea and Zambia**

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**Project Code (if applicable): /**

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1. Project Profile	
<b>Recipient Region(s)/ Countries</b>	Afghanistan, Nepal, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea and Zambia
<b>Donor/ Resource Partner</b>	World Bank Group
<b>IC Representative (if applicable)</b>	
<b>IPPC Secretariat Representation (if applicable)</b>	Sarah BRUNEL, Secretariat (Nepal PCE) Craig FEDCHOCK, Secretariat (Zambia ePhyto)
<b>RPPO Representation (if applicable)</b>	/
<b>Collaboration / Participating Organizations</b>	/
<b>Project Budget (detailed funds and/or in-kind)</b>	Project support under loans or technical advisory projects
<b>Project Timing</b>	Variable
2. Project Scope and Relevance to the IPPC and main outputs (max 200 words)	
<p><b>Afghanistan</b> An International Finance Cooperation (IFC)<sup>1</sup> project which supports the strengthening of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irrigation and Livestock (MAIL) to facilitate exports from key agri-food value chains, particularly dried fruits and nuts and fresh fruits and vegetables to drive improvements in the market access of these commodities. The project focuses principally on two areas of support:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Implementation of electronic certification using the IPPC ePhyto Solution;</li> <li>2. Support to MAIL's operational processes and procedures through development of operational documentation, a consultation framework and capacity building and awareness raising for traders.</li> </ol> <p>The project is collaborating with similar projects by the U.S. Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) and USAID and working with the World Bank OMAID project which is supporting Afghanistan in expanding its laboratory capacities and improving its food safety framework.</p> <p><b>North Macedonia</b> Working with the State Agricultural Inspectorate (SAI) of Northern Macedonia, the trade facilitation support program project is developing technical operational documents to support implementing a risk-based border inspection regime for phytosanitary products. The project also seeks to align SAI's procedures with those of the European Union to facilitate regional trade. SAI is developing the operational guidance in line with the articles of TFA to ensure that procedures are both effective and trade facilitating.</p>	

<sup>1</sup> [The World Bank Group](#) consists of five separate institutions. The [IFC](#) is one institution in the World Bank Group focused on supporting the private sector.

Current status: A final draft of the technical operational manual has been completed. Approval of the manual is expected to occur in the early 2nd quarter of 2021. Training of SAI staff in use of the manual will be provided by the WBG working with SAI policy staff.

### **Nepal**

A small part of a much larger trade and connectivity World Bank project, the sanitary and phytosanitary (SPS) element focuses on strengthening the institutional capacity of Nepal's SPS agencies by improving laboratory capacities to facilitate trade. The work principally involves assisting the agencies in laboratory accreditation to strengthen Nepal's certification services and to reduce the time and cost to traders in relation to agricultural products. The project team is working with the IPPC Secretariat to undertake a Phytosanitary Capacity Evaluation, which will be used to inform the project on areas for laboratory support as well as to advise on future support initiatives.

Current status: The PCE is expected to be initiated in the next two to three weeks.

### **Papua New Guinea**

A part of an IFC project to support the National Agriculture and Quarantine Inspection Authority (NAQIA) and the State Solicitor's Office to revise and develop the legislative framework for biosecurity. The existing legislation is extremely old and NAQIA is seeking to update its legislation in line with international standards and in conformity with the approach taken by other countries in the region. The project will help NAQIA to develop policy support for the legislation through appropriate consultation and will assist with legislative drafting in keeping with policy objectives and stakeholder input.

Current status: A very initial draft of the legislation along with a draft policy document have been drafted. Consultation is proposed to commence shortly.

### **Zambia**

The WBG is working with the Plant Quarantine and Phytosanitary Service (PQPS) and the Zambia Revenue Authority and Smart Zambia to implement exchange of electronic phytosanitary certificates. Zambia is implementing the Zambia Single Window (ZSW) which will centralize trade documents for border agencies. The ZSW will include the capacity for traders to apply for phytosanitary certification. To facilitate international exchange the project is working with Zambian authorities to connect the ZSW to the IPPC ePhyto hub. As part of the implementation the team is also working to ensure that PQPS has sufficient hardware, internet capacity and authorities to implement electronic certificates.

Current status: The ZSW is currently being tested. Further analysis of the legislative support for using electronic certificates remains to be confirmed. The WBG is working to secure hardware to support implementation.

### **3. Project Supporting Materials [e.g. hyperlinks]**

1. <https://projects.worldbank.org/en/projects-operations/project-detail/P170409>
2. <https://blogs.worldbank.org/trade/ephyto-promoting-safe-and-efficient-trade>
3. <https://blogs.worldbank.org/trade/coordination-collaboration-and-connectivity-better-border-management>

### **4. List project technical resources (i.e. guides, training materials, tools) that could be useful and used by other stakeholders**

1. <https://pubdocs.worldbank.org/en/186841605045083824/WBG-Risk-Prioritization-in-Phytosanitary-Management-FINAL-web.pdf>
2. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/news/video/2020/06/22/managing-risk-and-facilitating-trade-during-covid-19>

### **5. Provide a list of project experts that could be recommended to other stakeholders and describe why**

Support is provided by both staff of the World Bank Group and specialized consultants. Please contact Shane Sela, Senior Trade Facilitation Specialist at [ssela@worldbank.org](mailto:ssela@worldbank.org)

### **6. Describe successes and challenges that could be promoted for the benefit of other stakeholders**

Technical advisory support to SPS agencies focuses principally in implementing the articles of the World Trade Organizations Trade Facilitation Agreement (TFA). Although the TFA implicates Customs agencies, many of the articles equally apply to other border agencies including sanitary and phytosanitary agencies. The WBG's support aims for the full and effective implementation of the provisions. Therefore, much of the focus is on

supporting SPS agencies to implement:

- Risk-based inspection procedures – support to agencies in utilizing operational information to better target interventions and increase efficiency and effectiveness
- Border collaboration – sharing of information and authorities to facilitate trade while focusing attention of the highest risks
- Automation – using technology solutions (e.g. ePhyto) to facilitate border collaboration and improve processes including implementation of single windows and how these link to SPS agencies
- Policy support for implementing other provisions of the TFA including second test procedures (where a first test indicates non-compliance what policy framework should be used to allow for a second confirmatory test and how should risks be managed if a second test is allowed) and requirements for expediting perishables.

**7. List targeted beneficiaries** *[i.e. regions, countries, RPPOs, NPPOs and other institutions]*

Afghanistan, Nepal, North Macedonia, Papua New Guinea and Zambia.

The Trade Facilitation Support Program provides technical assistance to countries which request support in implementing the TFA. Contact [wgain@ifc.org](mailto:wgain@ifc.org)